

**CITY OF DEXTER  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm at 3515 Broad St.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners:

Becky Murillo (Chair) – Present  
Julie Knight (Vice Chair) – Present  
Jamie Griffin (Ex Officio) – Absent  
Jordan Downing – Present  
Jeanette Frost – Present  
Anne Marques – Absent  
Melissa Messer – Absent  
Ron Miller – Present  
Joanne Wagner – Present

Student Representatives:

Owen Biggert – Present  
Annalena Eisel – Absent  
Sadie Gehan – Absent

Others Present: Josh Tanghe, Assistant to the City Manager; Terry Sharik, Resident (8134 Huron St.); Jim Chesney, Resident (150 Jeffords); Tania Evans, Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited

Attending Virtually: None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Knight; seconded by Murillo to approve the minutes from February 21, 2023 with the following change(s):

- None

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Frost; seconded by Knight to approve the agenda with the following amendment(s):

- None

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

Tania Evans – Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited is here to speak regarding putting habitats in Mill Creek between Forest Lawn Cemetery and the Main Street Bridge.

Jim Chesney – Has been reading through the Parks Master Plan. How can someone get updates on where certain items are at? Asked how parks can be used for economic development. Mill Creek Park is an epicenter for communities along the B2B Trail.

Terry Sharik – Mentioned how the AATU project will impact sediment movement, which is a focus of regional conservation. The project will hopefully reduce sediment going into the Huron River.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

### **A. CHAIR**

### **B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX OFFICIO**

Knight asked a question related to 3045 Broad Street and its relationship with Mill Creek Park. She was also curious how Parks & Rec can get more involved with things like that.

Frost reported that the Art Selection Committee went smoothly and picked some good sculptures. 3Bird was added as the fifth sculpture location.

### **C. STAFF REPORT**

Staff gave updates on the following items:

- Mulch bid was released on March 16<sup>th</sup>
- Shout to Troops 40768 and 40176 for helping with the Easter egg stuffing
- Staff will be setting up a Community Park clean-up day with NHS students

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Consideration of: Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited Habitats**

The Parks & Recreation Commission considered the following related to the Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited (AATU) Habitats:

- Tania Evans presented the AATU project that is looking to install multiple wood structures in Mill Creek between Forest Lawn Cemetery and the Main Street Bridge. The project seeks to discourage erosion/movement of sediment and improve fish habitats in the creek.
  - This will not have any impact on kayakers
  - AATU will complete timber clean-up
  - Has support from Paul Evanoff (Mill Creek Park Architect) and Peter Sanderson (County Parks)
- Downing: How will the logs go in?
  - Trailer and crew will hand-move the logs into place.
- Miller: How is placement determined for the structures?
  - Aaron Snell of Streamside Ecological Services will be conducting the installation and assessed the creek.
- Murillo: Are certain spots more important than others?
  - Not a lot of habitats in this section of the creek right now. The logs are discrete and won't have a negative impact on the creek.

Motion by Wagner; seconded by Miller to recommend the installation of wood structures in Mill Creek between Forest Lawn Cemetery and the Main Street Bridge by Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited to improve fish habitats and discourage soil erosion to City Council for consideration.

Unanimous Voice Vote  
Motion Adopted

### **B. Discussion of: Easter Eggstravaganza**

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Easter Eggstravaganza:

- Staff provided updates on items completed since the last meeting
- Commissioners provided updates on donations they received from businesses for the events

- Parks Commissioners indicated if they will be able to attend the Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> Egg Scramble
- Staff will send out a SignUpGenius for checking on the eggs for the Riddle Hunt

### **C. Discussion of: Parks Budget**

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Parks:

- Parks & Rec reviewed the draft budget request for City Council

Motion by Murillo; seconded by Miller to recommend additional funds of \$360,000 for Parks & Recreation projects for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget to City Council for consideration.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following under Old Business:

- Ice Rink
  - Staff to have DPW remove it from Community Park
  - Might want to relocate the ice rink next year
  - Due to weather, might want to investigate using fake ice surfacing
- Mill Creek Park walk with Paul Evanoff
  - August meeting may be a good time to do it
  - Find out what more Parks & Rec can do for Mill Creek Park

### **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

### **PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Murillo, seconded by Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

Josh Tanghe  
Assistant to the City Manager